

Water Policy Technical Advisory Group

Meeting Summary

December 10, 2002

1:30 – 4:30 PM

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Group Members

C.M. Thacker, American Electric Power, Terry Brown, ACE Wilmington, NC, Dan Kavanaugh, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Robert Royall, VA Water Well Assn., Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg Christiansburg VPI Water Authority, Nikki Rovner, The Nature Conservancy, Tom Botkins, VA Manufacturers Assn., Tom Roberts, VA Manufacturers Assn. (alternate), Frank Sanders, City of Winchester, Ward Staubitz, USGS, Sam Hamilton, VA Agribusiness Council, Julie Beales, VA Board of Health, Patti Jackson, James River Assn., Wilmer Stoneman, VA Farm Bureau Federation, Carol Wampler, VA Water Control Board, Terrell Reid, VA Section AWWA, Brian Ramaley, City of Newport News, Melinda Moran, City of Clarksville, Robert Burnley, DEQ, David Paylor, Office of Natural Resources

Discussion:

Discussion focused on draft legislation that would:

- (1) Update the policies and principles for water supply planning in the Commonwealth based upon the discussions from the first two meetings.
- (2) Require counties and cities to develop water supply plans in accordance with criteria (regulations) developed by the State Water Control Board. These plans can be done individually or regionally, but regional planning is to be encouraged. The SWCB is also to develop criteria to be considered in determining the coverage of regional planning activities.
- (2) Direct the State Water Control Board to develop a Comprehensive State Water Supply Plan that includes information from the local and regional plans as well other available information.
- (3) Establishes the minimum contents and purposes of the state and local/regional plans.

At the close of the meeting it appeared that there was some agreement on the following issues:

- The state should be in the lead for water policy and planning, but the role of localities must be recognized.
- Localities should develop plans according to criteria established by DEQ.
- Regional plans should be encouraged.

- The current group should continue looking at these issues and develop further recommendations.
- Support for legislation authorizing DEQ to begin a rule making process according to the above.

D. Paylor closed the meeting by asking participants to send comments to jgmurphy@deq.state.va.us by December 17. The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2003 at 9AM in DEQ's Piedmont Regional Office.